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SUBJ: NORTH VIETNAMESE ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG

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1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM FOREIGN CONSULAR COLLEAGUES THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE TRADE REPS IN HONG KONG HAVE SCHEDULED A RECEPTION ON MAY 16 TO CELEBRATE " THE GREAT VICTORY OF VIETNAM" AND ARE INVITING SELECTED CONSULAR CORPS REPS.

RECEPTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT LEADING LUXURY HOTEL. THUS FAR WE KNOW OF INVITATIONS HAVING BEEN EXTENDED TO JAPANESE, AUSTRALIAN, FRENCH AND MALAYSIAN WITH INVITATIONS EXTENDED BY TELEPHONE FIRST FOLLOWED BY WRITTEN INVITATIONS AFTER INDICATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE MADE. IN EACH CASE, DRV REPS SPECIFIED THREE OR FOUR PERSONS INVITED FROM EACH MISSION.

2. OF MISSIONS INVITED ONLY MALAYSIANS SO FAR HAVE ACCEPTED, AS OTHER S ARE UNDECIDED BECAUSE OF "VICTORY" REFERENCE. MALAYSIAN COLLEAGUES PROVIDED US CONGENOFF WITH FOLLOWING WORDING OF WRITTEN INVITATION: "ON THE OCCASION OF THE
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GREAT VICTORY OF VIETNAM, MR. PAHM HONG QUANG, GENERAL

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL IMPORT-EXPORT CORPORATIONS
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, REQUESTS THE PLEASURE
OF"

3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO VNA REPORTS, MAY 15 AND 16 HAVE
BEEN SET ASIDE AS HOLIDAYS FOR CELEBRATION OF VICTORY IN SVN. WHILE
IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT CRITERION DRV REPS ARE APPLYING RE
INVATIONS, WE SUSPECT WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN CONSULAR
CORPS REPS THAT RELATIONS WITH THE PRG SVN IS KEY, SINCE NEITHER
THE INDIANS NOR THE INDONESIANS, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE RELATIONS
WITH HANOI, HAVE YET RECEIVED INVATIONS. THE AUSTRALIANS
REPORT THAT THE DRV REPS HAVE LAID ON HOTEL RECEPTION CATERING
FOR 200 WITH NO DOUBT A LONG PRC CADRE GUEST LIST IN MIND.
IN ANY CASE THESE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES REPRESENT AN EXPANSION
OF THE HITHERTO-LOW-KEY NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESENCE HERE
(REFTEL). A MALAYSIAN COLLEAGUE REMARKS TO US CONGENOFF
THAT THE MALAYSIAN S HERE HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR SOME TIME
"TO GET TOGETHER" WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, BUT WITHOUT
SUCCESS. APPARENTLY QUANG AND COMPANY NOW INTEND TO TAKE UP
A HIGHER PROFILE.
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